GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:281
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NEGLIGENCE BY DOCTORS
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of medical instruments being left inside patients body during operation by the doctors of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have come to the notice of the Government as appeared in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated January 24, 2008;

(b) if so, the number of patients with whom such incidents have taken place during the current year;

(c) whether the Government has taken any action against the erring doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir. An artery forceps used in surgical procedure was left inadvertently in the abdomen of a female patient in Urology. The mistake was detected on routine follow-up X-Ray examination and the patient was operated upon the same day to remove the forcep. The patient has since recovered and discharged from Hospital on 14.2.2008. The entire expenditure was borne by the Hospital to ensure that there was no financial burden on the patient.

(b) Two more incidents took place as reported by AIIMS.

(c) &(d) In one case, the concerned Doctor was placed under Suspension who approached the High Court and the matter is sub-judice. Inquiry is in progress in other two cases, at All India Institute of Medical Sciences.